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SUBJECT: SERIOUS DISTURBANCES IN ESTELI

1. THE ONGOING PROTEST DEMONSTRATIONS BY STUDENTS REACHED A SERIOUS LEVEL IN ESTELI ON MAY 24. GROUPS OF YOUTH TOOK TO THE STREETS IN THE AFTERNOON PROTESTING THE NATIONAL GUARD (GN) HAVING REMOVED STRIKING STUDENTS FROM A SCHOOL. AT ABOUT 4 P.M. FIRE WAS SET TO TWO CIGAR FACTORIES IN THE COMMERCIAL CENTER OF THE TOWN. SEVERAL HOUSES AND A CLOTHING FACTORY WERE ALSO SET ON FIRE BY THE DEMONSTRATORS.

2. ONE COMMENTARY WAS THE RIOTING WAS SIMILAR TO THAT IN MANAGUA ON JANUARY 10 FOLLOWING THE ASSASSINATION OF PEDRO JOAQUIN CHAMORRO. NOVEDADES OF MAY 25 REPORTS THAT THE GN HAS RESTORED CALM, THAT THERE WERE NO DETENTIONS AND NO INJURIES. OTHER REPORTS STATE THAT THE GN WAS TRYING TO DISPERSE THE RIOTERS AND THERE WAS ONE YOUTH KILLED AND ONE OR TWO OTHERS WOUNDED.

3. AMONG OPPONENTISTS, THE GN COMMANDER IN ESTELI,
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COL. EDMUNDO VEREAGA, HAS THE REPUTATION OF BEING FRIENDLY AND UNDERSTANDING. THIS INCIDENT, IN WHICH THE TARGETS OF THE RIOTERS APPEAR TO HAVE BEEN SOMOZA ENTERPRISES AND SUPPORTERS, IS LIKELY TO FUEL ANALYSIS WITHIN THE GON AND GN AS TO WHETHER A SOFT RESPONSE TO DEMONSTRATORS ENCOURAGES VIOLENCE WHICH COULD BE PREVENTED BY A TOUGHER PREVENTATIVE OR REACTIVE POLICY.

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